

We have never tried it. The world tells to the preacher the same thing. Shall he believe it? Not if he would be true to his Master. Surely an editor should be as amenable to Christ as any other Christian. If he is not a Christian he can not claim to conduct a Christian, but an infidel newspaper. That is the Bible standard.

Let us see what might be the result if such standard were recognized by our great newspapers.

Destructively, the most of the sporting pages would be left out. At least, it would be written from a standpoint to discourage rather than encourage gambling, brutality and lust.

The sensational accounts of suicides, murders, rapings, hangings, etc. would be only noted. Their shocking and oft-times indecent, realistic descriptions and pictures would be omitted.

The space devoted to a Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight would be used otherwise.

Instead of getting out an extra for such an event, an extra column of editorials would show up its shocking barbarity and inhumanity.

Constructively, the whole paper would show results of a desire to give the public not what its various classes desire, but what would tend to lead them to a higher civilization, nobler thoughts and lives.

News would be given, but in such a way as to discountenance sin and encourage righteousness.

Measures in legislature, congress and city council would be discussed on their merits rather than from the standpoint of effect on party or paper.

Moral and Christian reforms would receive more attention in an encouraging and fostering way, instead of being combatted openly or by slighting silence.

The press would indeed become the helpmeet of the pulpit in the advancement of God's Kingdom in the world.

LOVE

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God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:6.

Love throughout the whole of the civilized world is a term in general use. From the snowy white heads of those who have borne the troubles of many years, down to the little tottering one by mother's knee, who has just begun to lisp, we hear that "love" so often used, and so seldom understood. Books almost without number, by multitudes of authors, have been given to the public, which if piled up, would make a pyramid of surprising height. They all try to define love; but no where can we find one who has been able to fathom the great deep, yea, mysterious depths of this great sea surrounded by shores of infinite place. It is a world of its own. No connection with any elements, that lie outside its bosom of rapturous

delight. No communication exists between this plane of purest thought, and any other state, except that great source of infinite wisdom the foundation head of all that aspires to eternal enjoyments, sweeps away every emotion of unholy display that the archfiend would dare to force upon that immortal element received from God, and instead, brings with it that all inspiring influence of heavenly grace, which places an eternal quietus upon all effects of infernal origin, and produces the sweet calm of conscious greatness in all who are overwhelmed in its blood of glory. Love is a feeling, a sentiment, a concentrated force of all the attributes of good, working upon the God given functions of humanity; and is that by which two kindred beings are united and made inseparable. There are many phases to this great word. The omnipotent God created man, from his own being transmitted to him a part of his own eternal essence, called soul. And when condemnation came, by the deceitfulness of sin, man in a fallen state was no longer pure, 'tis true, yet he was possessed of something eternal, called spirit. And the great spirit, called God, was filled with a glorious sentiment toward the spirit called man, being two kindred spirits, one God, and one from God. The spirit of God loved the spirit of man, uniting with it all the power of feeling, entreating and beseeching through all time. And if the lesser spirit yields to the embrace of the greater, sweet harmony is sure, and they become inseparable. Never before the present time, did we ever comprehend the need of love as taught in the precious Word, to be of such vast importance to us as now, under the all seeing and searching influence of Him, whom we shall meet in a few more fleeting days.

O! How powerful is the meaning of love. So great is it that it is written in the sacred page, and in the language of the apostle John, that whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. But we thank God that it is also written that whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. Herein is our love made perfect, there is no fear in love, for God is love. And while the whole world lies in wickedness, if we love one another, then we know that we are of God, and then may this heavenly dove seal our hearts to all our purest sentiments. May our whole being be dedicated without reserve to the one who alone can sustain, while tossed on angry billows of this dark world, or passing through the valley of death. When all else has failed, hark! over the roughest of ragged and trying scenes, a voice is borne from a distance, "I am a present help." When through waters

of affliction we pass, streams of heavenly music greets our trusting souls, "I am with thee." And when the messenger of death appears, and we take our final departure into the great beyond, no fear need cause a rattle to pass over the calm of Heaven's bliss; for listen! angel's wings are heard in the distance, but sweeter yet Jesus speaks, "I have called."

In an attitude of prayer we must stand fearless, press the battle against the title wave of the devastating influence of everlasting night. If we have that love the Savior had for us our cup of joy will be overflowing and our happiness in the kingdom of heaven past all comprehension.

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SWEAR NOT AT ALL.—Matt. 5:33, 34, 35, 26, 37

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Non-swearing is based upon five verses found in the fifth chapter of St. Matthew and upon one verse in James 5:12. The sentence "Swear not at all." This is not the language of some classical commentator, or the language of Moses the great Jewish lawgiver, and leader of Israel, but it is the direct language of Jesus Christ, the chief lawgiver, who alone was invested with all power in heaven and earth, and who alone was able to fulfill the law and prophets, and to change some of them into more stringent forms in the religion represented and authorized by Him in the Christian dispensation. Now there always existed three kinds of oaths, and but one allowed as being right under the law of Moses, and this was the legal oath. The other two oaths were always considered as very decided expressions of great wickedness in the hearts of men and women. And there are still three kinds of oaths in existence, yet Jesus renounced every one of them with the words, "Swear not at all."

This command is given to the Christians to be obeyed by them. Yet we know of Christian professors who swear the legal and profane oath, and therefore are transgressors of the command of Jesus which is so very plain and direct. Now listen what happened once in olden times.

"The son of an Israelitish woman blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed and was put in ward until the mind of the Lord was shown to them; and the Lord said bring forth him that cursed without camp, and there the congregation stoned him to death." Yes, the profane oath was such a great crime that Job continually offered up burnt offerings to God for fear his sons had cursed God in their hearts. "Dost thou still retain thine integrity?" This was the question Job's wife asked when she saw his deep afflictions, because she thought